# Neighborhood News

### **November Meeting Highlights**

Mary Lou Parry ran the meeting. Tom Mulligan reported that two new surveillance cameras have been installed in the neighborhood. There have been a number of car break-ins. He reminded us to be aware of suspicious activity at all hours. Al and Ev Habecker have sent out four letters to realtors who have homes for sale or rent in our area. Some neighbors in attendance brought up the November 5th Morning Call article, "Neighbors Complain of Rowdy Students." The article mentioned a meeting with neighbors, college personnel and city police where the problems were discussed. No one at that meeting was present at our meeting to report on outcomes or give us feedback. We invite them to attend a future MACW meeting and share what they learned. Neighbors raised concerns about campus and city police being more visible in our neighborhood.

## **Holiday Crime Prevention Tips - Parking Lots**

- Prior to arrival at the parking lot, lock all valuables in your car trunk.
- Only carry charge/credit cards you know you'll need for this shopping trip.
- Shop in daylight hours if possible.
- Do not park next to a vehicle with dark tinted windows.
- Park in high visibility or well-lit areas.
- Watch for people who may be following you inside or outside malls.
- Be cautious of people handing our fliers or asking shoppers questions.
- Leave the store with others; ask security to escort you to your car if you feel uncomfortable.
- Have your keys ready in your hand before getting to your car; do not fumble for them in your pocket or purse.
- Drive away immediately; don't sit in your car to record a purchase.



Would you like to get emails with city/neighborhood news in between newsletters? Join out network by emailing Gretchenkrasley@aol.com. All emails are blind copies to protect your identity.

Is there a house for sale in your neighborhood? Would you like the owner/realtor to know about the Student Overlay Guidelines? Call/email Al and Ev Habecker at 610-432-8032 aehabecker@msn.com





# Our next meeting: Wednesday, December 8 7:00 P.M

Muhlenberg Area Community Watch meets the  $2^{nd}$  Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at Christ E. C. Church, 2135 Tilghman St.

We invite residents of any neighborhood in the city to join us!

Future Meetings: Wednesday, January 12 Wednesday, February 9

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**Patrol of Neighborhood :** Tom Mulligan 610 433-1512

**Conducting meetings:** Rotating responsibility

**Presidents' Council meetings:** Tom Burke 610 432-4079

Real Estate Sales Letters: Al and Ev Habecker 610-432-8032, aehabecker@msn.com

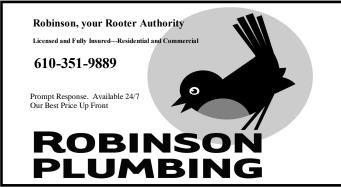
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Sunday School ~ 9:15 a.m. Worship ~ 10:30 a.m.

### Citizens <u>H</u>elping <u>E</u>liminate <u>C</u>rime



CHEC-Mate, designed by the Allentown Police Department gives Allentown residents a way of calling the police anonymously to report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. Request a CHEC-Mate card by calling 610-437-7522 or attending one of our meetings. In 4-6 weeks you will receive your card with a number assigned specifically to you. When call the communications center, you give only your CHEC-MATE number on the card. CHEC-Mate is a confidential way of reporting crime to help make your neighborhood safer! Take extra care to protect yourself, your family and your property. Please report suspicious people, vehicles, or activity to the police. The police non-emergency number is 610 437-7751. In an emergency call 911.

### Phone Numbers to Know

City Information Desk 610 439-5999

Code Enforcement 610 437-7661

Code Enforcement Rental Licensing 610 437-7694.

Community Problems (neighbor disputes) 610 437-7773

Crime Prevention Unit 610 437-7719

Emergency Medical Services (paramedics) 610 437-

Emergency Medical Services (non-emergency) 610 437-7751

Garbage Complaints 610 437-8729

Graffiti Busters  $610\,437\text{-}8729$ 

Graffiti in Progress 9-1-1

Housing Compliance/Inspections 610 437-7697

Leaf Pickup 610 437-7587

Police Calls (non-emergency) 610 437-7751\*

Rental Unit Inspections 610 437-7695

Sewer Back-up 610 437 7639

Sewer Emergencies after hours 610 437-7751

State Representative Jennifer Mann 610 821-5577

SWEEP (Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste) 610

437-8729

Weeds/Grass Overgrowth 610 437-8729

Yard Waste Recycling 610 437-8729

Zoning 610 437-7630

\* When calling 610 437-7751, remember that anything that impairs the peace, dignity, and decorum of the neighborhood is considered "disruptive conduct."